

Application Number **10/615,336**
Amendment dated **30 June 2006**
Reply to Office Action of **5 April 2006**

Remarks

Claims 26 and 29 have been cancelled in this amendment. Therefore, Claims 12-14, 18, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 are currently pending in this application. Claims 24, 25 and 28 are independent.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that dependent Claims 12, 26 and 29 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended independent Claim 25 to recite the features of dependent Claim 26, which has been cancelled. Applicants have amended independent Claim 28 to recite the features of dependent Claim 29, which has been cancelled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 25 and 28 are allowable, in addition to all claims that depend therefrom (Claims 12-14, 27, 30 and 31). Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 12-14, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 be withdrawn.

Applicants note that no basis for the rejection of independent Claim 24 was provided in the Office Action mailed on 5 April 2006. Applicants have amended Claim 24 to recite, among other things, a physiological sensor that is "positioned in a channel formed between the liner inner layer and the liner outer layer". Because no basis for the rejection of Claim 24 was provided by the Examiner, Applicants note that the amendments presented herein are not being made for the purposes of patentability, but rather for purposes of clarifying the scope of the claimed invention.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. If some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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